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## Chapter I INTRODUCTION

Two conflicting ideologies are fighting for world supremacy today. One is the supremacy of the State, the individual a mere tool for the furtherance of the progress of the State. The other is the supremacy of the individual with life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness the common goal. The United States of America has ever pledged her wealth and manhood to the latter. It is to America that the poor and oppressed of the world are looking for protection and freedom. It is from America that the common people of the world seek peace and harmony.

America herself is a composite of the cultures of all nations, all races and all creeds. Unique among all nations, she stands alone, representative of all. Yet, within her borders exist prejudice and intolerance between the many and varied groups—national, economic, racial and religious. These attitudes are preventing the achievment of her democratic ideals. Belief in liberty for the individual means we cannot refuse to hire a qualified person because of his race, national origin or creed. Belief in equality for all means we cannot force minority groups into substandard living conditions. The ideal of equality is not restricted to a chosen few. It is meant for all.

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The school takes the lead in teaching the coming generation the principles of democracy, the contributions made to America by the racial, religious, and national minorities, and the establishing of democratic principles not only in America but throughout the world. The National Council for the Social Studies clarifies the

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- 1. "To preserve the rich heritage of music, art, folklore, tradition, literature and other aspects of culture which each immigrant group has brought with it to American shores and to interweave this complex heritage into the pattern of American life. In the past, our policy has been to repress all that did not strictly conform to the established ways of living. The policy of the future should be not to repress but to translate the old world heritage into a new way of life which shall be typically the democratic way of life.
- 2. "To interpret to minority groups the prevailing pattern of Anglo-Saxon culture which is predominantly the culture of the majority group so that there can be true interchange of cultural values among minority and majority groups.
- 3. "To build for our nation a greater unity itself by making every racial group and every nationality which makes up its population keenly conscious of its part in contributing something essential to the development and growth of this enriched way of life. In this way will the rights and liberties of groups as well as of individuals be guaranteed.
- 4. "A fourth objective which a good program of intercultural education might well set for itself is to plan for the rehabiliation of the nations of the world through a better understanding of the backgrounds of these various peoples."

Since intercultural education is concerned with human relations it is not possible to construct a rigid curriculum to be followed by all teachers in all schools in all communities.

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The problem of determining the pattern for the curriculum for intercultural education is complex and few school systems have, as yet, formulated a plan of procedure. Many school systems have recognized the need for promoting intergroup goodwill through intercultural education. Very few have actually organized a curriculum for it. In order to do so a study of the community must be made so that the program will be suited to local conditions, material must be selected and organized, teachers must be trained for their part in such education, and pupil activities and methods of evaluating must be planned. When all this is accomplished the program for intercultural education will be ready for action. In the meantime, however, the interested teacher must solve the problem in his own classroom. The alert teacher of United States history can find many opportunities to introduce intercultural values by developing appreciation of the contributions of the many groups and of unsung heroes to America.

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In teaching American history emphasis has been placed upon our Anglo-Saxon heritage to which we owe so much. However, there are many contributions made by other nations, races and creeds which are often overlooked by the average American. The result is ignorance of these contributions and the consequent failure to recognize and accept intergroup differences. The writer has attempted to select material suitable for use at the seventh grade level in the study of United States history and has limited the material to that which is suitable

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Since this paper covers the period from 1781 to 1865 only, it is suggested that a similar study be made of the period from 1865 to the present time to be introduced into eighth grade history. This would include the "new" immigrants and their contributions to America as well as the "old".

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In 1789 the Colonies which formed the United States could have been considered as Europe transplanted. Ireland, England, Scotland, France, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Sweden, Poland and Italy furnished the original stock. As these peoples intermarried the American type began to emerge. They developed common customs and common ideas. They made a new nation—a nation of all nations. They came to seek freedom from the rule of tyrants and to better themselves in a new land. They sought freedom from religious persecution and from wars and famines in their native lands. They came to build America.

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faith in the individual, and our value of the freedoms for which we willingly stake life itself." They shaped the molds into which the life of our country was poured. English documents were used as sources of ideas for the writing of the Constitution which is a very wonderful instrument for it is adaptable to our ever changing needs.

Of the 225,000 immigrants who entered the United States during this period, well over half were from Ireland. This was because of crop failures, high rents and religious persecution which was their lot in their homeland. They settled in the Shenandoah valley and scattered along the frontier from Pennsylvania to South Carolina.

French explorers and colonists entered this continent by two routes, one up the St. Lawrence and Great Lakes Basin and down the Mississippi, the other from Florida across the southern lowlands to join at the mouth of the Mississippi. After the Louisiana purchase in 1803 the influence of the French did not end. French finishing schools furnished advanced education in lieu of colleges in those early days. One such school was the Huguenot school in New Rochelle, N. Y., which shares with the Moravian school in Bethlehem, Pa., the honor of being first in the education of women. The French cooks became famous. They brought yeast into use and

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About 1800 labor agents were very active in Germany and started many German peasants and artisans for America. They entered through every United States port and spread all over the continent. They helped to open the New West and started new towns and new industries. Many entered at New Orleans and went up the Mississippi River. The Germans were second in numbers to the English only. They came from the Rhine valley and from Switzerland because of wars and hard They settled in the Mohawk valley in New York. More landed at Philadelphia and went to the frontier. Some went into the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia and others into North and South Carolina. One group, consisting of Moravians, settled in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. As a result Bethlehem became one of the most famous musical centers in North America. The Moravians were also among the first to become interested in Negro education and attempted to organize a school and develop an educational program for the Negro.

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The Indians were not immigrants but were here when first the white man came to this continent. Until 1778 the Americans and Indians co-operated so that their relations were very satisfactory during that period. Between 1778 and 1871 many treaties were made. The first treaty was made with the Delaware Indians in 1778. Most of the treaties were forced upon the Indians and usually gave advantage to the white man. Certain provisions were made for the Indian but often they were not carried out. The Indian contributed hospitality, Indian arts, furs, tobacco, maize, trails and lands to America.

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our states have Indian names. Other Indian place names are Mississippi, Ohio, Missouri, Wabash, Potomac, Michigan, Huron, Ontario, and Erie.

According to the census of 1790 there was a total of 757,181 Negroes in the United States of which 59,558 were free. The Negro population was nearly one-fifth of the total population of 3,929,214. Negroes have always done their share in the wars of America. In the War of 1812 two regiments of Negro soldiers were raised in New York. Five hundred Negroes fought under Andrew Jackson. There were Negro troops in the Battle of New Orleans in 1815. Negro seamen fought under the command of Commodore Perry on the Great Lakes. Fully ten percent of the American seamen were Negroes. Commodore Perry said they seemed to be insensible to danger and spoke highly of their bravery and good conduct.

After the fall of Napoleon in 1815 a wave of Jews came to America. The German-Jewish people were chiefly white-collar workers and professionals. During this period of our history, as in other times, the Jews took an active part in all phases. They gave freely of their private fortunes and their services. George Washington believed in equality for all people regardless of race, creed or nationality. When he took the oath of office as the first president of our country he had three clergymen administer the oath of office:- a Catholic

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Thus these people from northern and western Europe and their children brought to America, their adopted land, their love of freedom and independence, their courage and devotion to a common cause, their gifts of organization, thrift and industry, and their talents and private fortunes. Washington in his Farewell Address speaks to "citizens by birth or choice of a common country" and mentions that "with slight shades of difference, you have the same religion, manners, habits, and political principles."

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Barry John (1745-1803)--He fought in the Revolutionary War and in the War of 1812. He was the first captain of the "Constitution", the first ship built by the United States. Later, he was made Commodore and received the personal congratulations of George Washington.

FitzSimmons Thomas (1741-1811) -- As a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1787 he was very active in debates and believed in a strong central government. He fought for a system of protective tariffs essential for our new industries after he became a member of the first national House of Representatives.

Pollock Oliver (1737-1823)--He was a trader, planter, and financier. In 1768 he went to New Orleans where he carried on an extensive commercial career until the Revolutionary War. He supplied the Americans with ammunition and provisions amounting to \$70,000 with which to carry on the war.

#### England

Morris Robert (1734-1806)--He was a great financier of the Revolution. He was also one of the signers of the Articles of Confederation. He served as a senator for Pennsylvania in the first U. S. Senate. Believing land in the west would become valuable he invested heavily but failed to realize on his investment as he was ahead of his time.

#### France

Du Pont Eleuthère Irenie (1771-1834)--founder of the famous Du Pont family, leaders in the manufacture of ammunitions for the War of 1812. They are near the top of the small list of families dominating the United States. Their products include everything from plastics to machines.

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Girard Stephen (1750-1831)--He was one of the chief advisors of the United States government in the War of 1812 and bought most of the stock and buildings of the First U.S. Bank and was a director of the Second U.S. Bank. He also loaned \$10,000,000 to the government for war expenses. Later, he founded Girard College.

L'Enfant Pierre Charles (1754-1825)--He came to
America as a volunteer fighter in the
Revolution and was made a captain of engineers.
It was he who designed an eagle as symbol
of the spirit of America. He drew the plan
for Washington, D. C. Which was later adopted.
At West Point there is a sketch of an encampment of the Revolutionary army on the Hudson
which was drawn by L'Enfant.

#### Switzerland

Gallatin A. A. Albert (1761-1849)--At considerable personal risk he aided in bringing about a peaceful settlement between the government and the people in the "Whiskey Rebellion".

He was a leader of the Republican party and served as Secretary of Treasury under Jefferson and Madison.

#### Italy

Mazzei Philipp (1730-1816) -- A lover of democracy and close friend of Jefferson, he wrote articles which Jefferson translated for publication and which helped Jefferson write the Declaration of Independence. He fought in the Revolution.

#### Negro

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for Hashington, D. C. which was later adopted.
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The Germans, becoming dissatisfied with monarchial rule and successive crop failures and low wages, came in increasing numbers between 1830 and 1848. Many of these were highly educated. They settled in Wisconsin, Ohio, Illinois, New York, Maryland and in Indiana, Michigan, Nebraska, Iowa, and Minnesota. Thousands joined the gold rush to California; hundreds went to Oregon. Between 1820 and 1840 more Germans than any

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Following the great famine in Ireland in 1846-1847 some ten million Irish came. It was their labor to a great extent which built the first railroads and canals. They also worked in the coal mines and the factories.

Many became political leaders. Irish governors hleped to develop the territories of Oregon, Missippi and Montana.

In the fifty years following the Revolution only a few Swedes entered the United States. They settled in New York, Ohio and Illinois. In 1840 began the great wave of Swedes which reached its climax in the '90's and 1900's. One group settled in 1841 at Pine Lake, Wisconsin. This settlement failed because they were incapable of making a living at farming. A second group settled in Wisconsin along Koshkonong Lake in 1843. A third group in 1846-1847 established a settlement at Bishop Hill, Illinois. Their letters home told of the abundance of deer, prairie chickens, and other game and of the varieties of fruit--cherries, plums, gooseberries, thimbleberries, and currants. The Swedes moved across the country in a straight line to Spokane and Seattle and to the northwest wilderness.

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the Mexican War and Civil War. He was the
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# Germany

Astor John Jacob (1763-1848) -- He came to America in 1784 and entered the fur trade in the Northwest. He incorporated the American Fur Co. and the Pacific Fur Co. He also founded Astoria at the mouth of the Columbia River but lost it to the British. He made large and profitable loans to the United States government and monopolized the fur trade in the Mississippi valley and upper Missouri. (Webster's Biographical Dictionary)

# Switzerland

Sutter John Augustus (1803-1880)--Pioneer in California; also the Oregon region and Santa Fe. Gold was discovered on his property in 1848 and, in the rush, his sheep and cattle were stolen, his land occupied by squatters and his workmen deserted him to seek gold. He became bankrupt and received a pension from

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#### Italy

Vigo Joseph M. Francesco (1747-1836)--fur-trader and pioneer in the Northwest. He gave material aid to Clark especially in his campaign to end the British influence in that territory in 1779. Later he lived in Indiana.

#### Norway

Larsen Peter Laurentius (1833-1915)--missionary and pioneer in Wisconsin and Minnesota. He became president of Luther College in Iowa, a position which he held for forty-one years.

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# Indian

Sacagawea (1787-1812)--Birdwoman--American Indian woman interpreter. She was a member of the Shoshone tribe, captured by an enemy tribe and sold to a Canadian trapper, Toussaint Charbonneau, whom she later married by Indian rites. She and her husband guided Lewis and/Dict.) Clark across the Rockies in 1805. (Webster's Biog.

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#### Chapter IV

#### DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATION

The immigrants from all the nations have contributed to both our industrial and out cultural development. The Germans were pioneers in glass manufacture, sugar refining and the brewery industry. They also built ships and made furniture. A welshman, David Thomas, is known as "the father of the American iron business" because he developed the hot blast furnace. Germans developed the zinc smelting industry and the manufacture of aluminum products.

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A Scotch immigrant, Andrew S. Hallidie, made the cable car used for hilly streets such as those in San Francisco. A German machinist, Christian Dehiel, invented shoe machinery which made the Goodyear welt process possible. Louis Prang and Otto Mergenthaler from Germany developed the linotype and color printing. German immigrants also gave us the carriage manufacturing business and the automatic fire sprinkler.

Michael Cudahy from Ireland in 1849 introduced the great meat packing industry. Scotch immigrants introduced the perforated rolls for piano players, the grain elevator and the pipe organ. The so-called "electrical wizards" in the age of electricity were Charles Steinmetz from Germany; Michael Pupin, from Servia; and Guiseppe Faccioli from Italy.

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In the 1850's lager beer was made popular in America by the German immigrants. During the Civil War large beer houses appeared. The war taxes on this industry also gave this industry impetus. Close to the beer industry was the hotel business which the Germans started from the small inns dotting the countryside to the Waldorf-Astoria. The cultivation of vinyards and the wine industry of Ohio were other contributions of the Germans. John Rock, a German who served in the Civil War, became a nurseryman in California and developed new varieties of grapes and figs. Patrick Barry, an Irishman, edited a magazine in horticulture and William Saunders, a Scotchman, brought foreign plants to America.

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The Irish provided the labor for our fields, mines and factories. They built our railroads and telegraph and telephone lines. They also built our churches, schools and colleges and made contributions to our cultural life as teachers, writers, journalists, and took a very active part in our political life. The Italians also contributed their labor during the middle of the century but have also contributed to our cultural life. The few Italians who came at the beginning of the century were usually educated men--political exiles, leaders, scholars, painters, businessmen and missionaries. Among them were Philip Traetta, music teacher and friend of Presidents Madison and Jefferson, and Benedict Sestina, priest and scholar.

The cultural contributions of the immigrant are numerous and can be touched upon only lightly here. The number of artists in America before the Civil War was not large because of the activities in settling the country. There were a few, however, chiefly French or German portrait artists who had to paint everything from portraits to signs in order to make a living. Among these were Emmanuel Leutze, a German, who painted historical pictures,

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Audubon John James (1785-1851) -- He had a French father and a Creole mother. He arrived in Philadelphia in 1803. In 1808 he opened a general store in Louisville, Ky., and, later, transferred his business to various other cities. He became bankrupt and began to paint birds as he travelled along the Mississippi. He wrote many works of nature studies. (Webster's Biographical Dict.)

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- Clerc Laurent (1785-1869) -- A victim of fire when he was two years old which resulted in deafness, he was educated at the Institute for Deaf and Dumb in Paris. In 1816 he came to America and pioneered with Thomas H. Gallaudet in a school for the deaf at Hartford, Conn. This school is now known as the American School for the Deaf. He wrote many addresses and articles on the education of the deaf.
- Crozet Claude (1790-1864)--Came to America in 1816 and was made assistant professor in engineering at West Point on the recommendations of Lafayette and Albert Gallatin. The following year he was made professor and head of the department. He improved the instruction and introduced descriptive geometry for the first time into the United States.
- Durand Elie Maglorie (1794-1873)--pharmacist,
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- Leutze Emanuel (1816-1868)--historical and portrait painter. He studied in Philadelphia and, later, in Europe where he lived for twenty years and married. He returned here in 1859 and lived in Washington and New York. His best-known painting is "Washington Crossing the Delaware." He also painted "Westward the Course of Empire Takes its Way" for which he received \$20,000.
- Memminger Christopher G. (1803-1888)--Sec. of Treas. of the Confederacy. He was Commissioner of Schools for Charleston for thirty years and his greatest public service was for the public schools for both races. He was also a sound financier but was forced to issue treasury notes without enough currency to back them for which he was severely criticized.
- Steinway Henry Englehard (1797-1871)--piano maker who came to America in 1851. He began his own piano manufacturing business in 1855 in New York. At first he built square pianos; in 1856 he made a grand and in 1862, an upright. He was in business with his sons and the business is still in the possession of his descendants.

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The early attempts to revolt failed because of poor leadership. In 1822 Denmark Vesey, a free negro who had once been a slave, led in a conspiracy to attack Charleston, South Carolina. Although well planned and organized, informers warned the white people and the plot failed. As a result 131 Negroes were arrested; 35 executed and 43 banished. Vesey, himself, was one of those hanged. This plot was the most ambitious attempt to gain freedom attempted up to that time.

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The Underground Railroad was the most dangerous undertaking of the abolitionists. This method of helping slaves to escape was named by a Kentucky slaveowner. He had pursued a runaway slave but could not find him. He gave up, exclaiming, "He must have gone on an underground road." Harriett Tubman, a negress, devoted her life to helping slaves to escape on the Underground Railroad and is credited with aiding hundreds of slaves to escape.

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Meagher Thomas (1823-1867)--Fought with the Union army at Fredericksburg in the Civil War.

He organized and led the Irish Brigade. At the close of the war he served as temporary governor of Montana. He was drowned when he fell from the deck of a steamer on a vacation.

## Scotland

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## Germany

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## Italy

Ferrero Eduardo (1831-1899) -- Major-general in the Union Army and distinguished himself in the battle of Smith Mountain and Antietam. He failed to lead a newly organized colored division at Petersberg and also at Knoxville, however, and was severly criticized.

## Norway

Nelson Knute (1843-1923)--fought under General
Butler and Sherman and was wounded. After
the war he finished his education and became
a lawyer in Minnesota. He was sent to Congress
as a Republican Senator where he served three
terms. He also served as Governor of Minnesota
from 1892-1895.

## Bavaria

Nast Thomas (1840-1902)--caricaturist. He was called "our best recruiting sergeant" by Abraham Lincoln because of his cartoons ridiculing opponents. He was the originator of the Democrat donkey and the Republic elephant.

## Greece

Zachos John C. (1820-1898)--nurse in the Civil War.

He was an educator and associate of Horace

Mann. He aided a demonstration made in Boston
to show negroes could be educated. He was
brought to America in 1830 by Dr. Samuel

Gridley Howe and was the author of many texts
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  of slavery. He made a successful lecturing
  tour in England in 1845. After the war he
  became an editor and held various civic
  offices.
- Garnett Henry Highland (1815-1882) -- born in Maryland--Born a slave he escaped with his parents at the age of ten. He was educated and became a pastor of a Troy, New York church in 1842.
- Smalls Robert (1839-1915) -- born in South Carolina.

  He surrendered a Confederate ship to the
  Union fleet. He was made pilot on the ship
  "Keokuk" in the attack on Fort Sumter. After
  the war he was elected to the South Carolina
  legislature and was a member of Congress in
  1870 and 1872.
- Tubman Harriet (1815-1913)--born a slave she escaped from her master's plantation in Maryland at about twenty-five. She became an active promoter of the Underground Railroad and is said to have led 400 or more of her people to the North and Canada by this means. After the war she spent the remainder of her life caring for the poor and aged of her race.
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# Chapter VI METHODS AND TECHNIQUES

It is important that emphasis be placed upon the part the immigrant and other societal groups have taken in the building of America and upon the fact that, while the Anglo-Saxon influence is predominant in our national life and is not to be minimized, it is a background upon which the mosaic of other national and racial cultures are laid. These facts should be brought out in the history class to eradicate, or at least to soften, intergroup prejudice and intolerance. The emphasis should also be of a positive nature rather than negative, i.e., appreciation of the contributions of the various groups should be stressed rather than pointing out instances of race hatred or intolerance.

At the beginning of the course the teacher should present the contributions of those groups to which his pupils belong. This would vary according to the geographic position of the school even within the same city limits. For example, a teacher in a school which is predominantly Negro should begin with the cultural contributions of the Negro; whereas, a teacher in an Italian dominated school would begin with the Italian contribution. From this beginning it is simple to work on other group contributions.

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Cartoons: "Speaking for America" series ll"xl4" free
The utterances of famous people of today
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Posters: "Three Great Faiths Worshipping One God" 20"x30" based on Flora Fitch's book "One God--The Ways We Worship Him" from National Conference of Christians and Jews 60¢ a set

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\*"One People" Animated color picturlization of settlements of peoples of every national origin in the U.S.A. Excellent. 20 min.

### British Information Services:

"Man, One Family" A plea for better human relations in interests, needs and scientific bases. 20 min.

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\*"Color of a Man". Contrast of opportunities open to white and Negro youth. 15 min.

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## Radio Recordings:

Federal Radio Education Committee:

\*Americans All--Immigrants All" 30 min. programs. This is a series of 24 recorded programs presenting the contributions of immigrants to the social, economic and political development of the U.S. Listed below are ten used in the history course up to the Civil War. These are excellent.

"Our English Heritage"

"Our Hispanic Heritage"

"Scotch, Scotch-Irish, and Welsh in the U.S."

"Winning Freedom" showing how the national groups fought together to make America free.

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